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filed 8/27/98 of Ahmad Waleh et al
for METHOD OF REMOVING ORGANIC MATERIALS FROM
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→ Proposed Amendment (three pages)

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2001, finally rejecting Claims 3-23 and 25-31 in the above-identified patent application. Please consider amending the application as follows for discussion:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please consider amending Claim 31 as follows:

31. (Once Amended) An improved method for partially or completely removing organic coatings, films, layers or residues from a substrate, said method comprising:

(1) subjecting said organic coatings, films, layers, or residues to a vapor consisting essentially of water-free gaseous sulfur trioxide for a period of time, said substrates being maintained at a temperature in the range from about room temperature to 400°C; and

(2) subjecting said organic coatings, films, layers, or residues to a solvent rinse;